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CHARLESTON, IL--Jeff LaFave and Jon Frenza, both political science majors at Eastern Illinois University, have been selected as one of two debate teams from Eastern to qualify for the National Debate Tournament at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

LaFave, a sophomore from Normal, Ill., and Frenza, a junior from Sterling, Mich., were chosen by a panel of 15 forsenic directors from across the country as one of the 16 best teams in the nation. Each of these teams receives an automatic invitation to the National Debate Championships.

LaFave and Frenza earned the honor by advancing to the elimination rounds of every national tournament, the second time that such an honor has been awarded to an EIU debate team.

The team of junior Dan Hintz and sophomore Melissa Deem also earned the right to participate in the tournament by placing among the top four teams from all colleges in the four state region of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.

Hintz, a journalism major from Oak Creek, Wis., and Deem, a business major from Washington, West Virginia, were judged in the top four teams at the District 5 Qualifying Tournament held March 1-3 at Butler University and were extended the invitation to the National Debate Tournament.

This is the first time that Eastern has qualified two teams for the national tournament. The Eastern squad will compete for the national debate title in the company of such institutions as Northwestern, Harvard, Georgetown, Darmouth, and Baylor University.